



Bering Sea Elders Group

BERING SEA ELDERS GROUP

RESOLUTION 2018-2

TITLE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONFIRMATION OF BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Whereas, the Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG) is a tribal consortium and is comprised of designees of 39 federally recognized Tribes on the west coast of Alaska; and

Whereas, through our federally recognized Tribal governments, we have the right to participate fully in all levels of decision-making in policies that affect our Tribes, our Indigenous Knowledge, and to exercise our government-to-government rights; and

Whereas, as governments we have the right to voice our opinion on the nomination of any person to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas, any nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States must recognize that we, as predecessors to the United States, have and enforce our own laws; and

Whereas, any nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States must recognize and respect that we as federally recognized Tribes possess a full panoply of rights including jurisdiction to the fullest extent of the law; and

Whereas, nominee Brett Kavanaugh has demonstrated he does not understand the inherent status, rights, and roles of federally recognized Tribes and puts at risk the 229 federally recognized Tribes in Alaska; and

Whereas, nominee Brett Kavanaugh's overly narrow and legally incorrect views of the relationship between federal and tribal governments will jeopardize the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and other laws related to our self-determination; and

Whereas, violence against our Native women and children in Alaska is not part of our culture, but is unfortunately an epidemic in Alaska; and

Whereas, it is our way to value every individual and their words, and a woman's word is evidence; and

Whereas, a person's actions, beliefs, and ways of being show you who they are; and

Whereas, it is our way to know a person, their actions, their beliefs, and their way of being before elevating them to an important position in the community; and

Whereas, nominee Brett Kavanaugh has been accused of sexual assault and attempted rape and this has not been fully investigated; and

Whereas, nominee Brett Kavanaugh has not been fully vetted by United States Senate because hundreds of thousands of pages of information about his previous work are missing from the public record.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the 39 Tribes that are members of BSEG oppose the United States Senate voting on nominee Brett Kavanaugh until all his records are disclosed and all claims against him are fully investigated; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the 39 Tribes that are members of BSEG oppose the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh and call upon our Senators to vote "No."

ADOPTED by the tribally designated Elder Representatives of the Bering Sea Elders Group, and signed on behalf of those Tribes during its Annual Summit held in Anchorage, Alaska on this 20th day of September, 2018.